

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



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Week of August 3—August 9



## COMMUNITY ALERT

Coffee with  
the Senator!

*Tuesday, August 12  
9:30—11:30 AM*

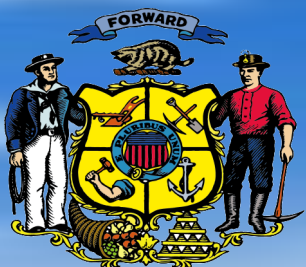
*Growing Power 2737 N.  
King Drive*

Bring your questions,  
concerns, ideas!

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the  
legislative update. I hope you  
find the information provided  
here useful.

As Always, I'm  
Here to Serve!



## CELEBRATING NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

I am delighted to announce that on Tuesday night, community members and law enforcement officials across the country joined together for the 31<sup>st</sup> successful year of National Night Out, the annual nationwide event to promote crime prevention through community building. Residents across our community face far too many threats to their safety within their own neighborhoods.

I commend everyone in Milwaukee who came out to celebrate NNO for refusing to accept the unsafe conditions our communities face and proving that we can work together to make our neighborhoods safer places for everyone. I would like to extend a special thank you to the sponsors who made this night possible, including Alderman Hamilton and Supervisor Lipscomb, the PKSD Law Firm, CYD, Milwaukee Police Department, Job Corp, the Black Health Coalition, the Boys and Girls Club, and many, many more. National Night Out has created a foundation for crime-prevention, now each of us has the opportunity and the obligation to build on that foundation and create a safe community for everyone!



## TOURING THE STATE FAIR



On Monday, I had the wonderful opportunity to tour the Wisconsin State Fair. I am always amazed by the wide variety of activities and exhibits available. Above all, I was impressed by all of the displays of farming and agriculture. One project in particular set up a day-long camp to teach students about farm animal care, natural resources, and agricultural products. Agriculture and farming are crucial components of our society. Locally grown food can be beneficial to all members of a community, and it's important that students have access to information about Wisconsin agriculture. This is why I have been working to help build an urban agriculture project in Milwaukee. It's inspiring as a Senator and community member to see students excited about gardening and agriculture. Congratulations to the people behind these projects! The State Fair will be open until August 10<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to check it out!



*Check out the new  
legis.wisconsin.gov -- the  
Wisconsin legislature's  
website!*

*Not only does the new website  
feature a more modern design  
that works well on all types of  
computers, tablets and smart  
phones, but it now includes a  
detailed page for every com-  
mittee, proposal and legislator  
(including pictures!).*

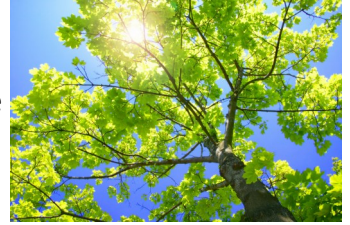
*The new website also has an  
advanced search function, as  
well as a "find-by-map" feature  
that allows you to find out who  
represents you by clicking on a  
map of Wisconsin.*

**Contact Us!**  
**We enjoy hearing  
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## 2014 ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPIONS

The Sierra Club released their 2014 Legislative Report Card this week, evaluating the Legislature's environmental conservation efforts. I was honored to be one of 13 senators named "2014 Environmental Champions" based on pro-environment votes in the latest session. I will continue to fight to preserve Wisconsin's beautiful natural environment and speak out against bills that threaten the health of our state. Unfortunately, many of my republican colleagues have repeatedly attacked natural resources in the last session including the destruction of iron mining safeguards in the Bad River Watershed Destruction Act. I sincerely hope that we end the partisan divide over critical issues to preserve the safety and well-being of our citizens for generations to come. The preservation of our climate should be something that we can all agree on.



### PRIMARY – AUGUST 12th



**Tuesday, August 12th** are the **Partisan Primary Elections**, and the Government Accountability Board has issued a comprehensive list of the top ten things Wisconsin Voters should know for the elections. Key ideas are below and the GAB's full list can be found here: <http://gab.wi.gov/node/3285>

- 1) **Register to vote!** To register before election day, you can bring proof of residence to your municipal clerk's office until **5 PM today (August 8th)**. You can also register **on Election Day** with proof of residence **AND** either a valid Wisconsin ID **OR** the last four digits of your social security number. Check your voter registration status at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov).
- 2) You **DO NOT need to show photo ID to vote on Tuesday, August 12th!**
- 3) **Today (Aug. 8th)** is the last day to request an **absentee ballot** from your local clerk's office.
- 4) All **absentee ballots must be postmarked by Election Day**, and must be received by your municipal clerk's office no later than 4 PM on August 15th!
- 5) The chief inspector may ask you to leave if you are wearing political clothing or paraphernalia when you show up to vote
- 6) You must follow the rules of the polling place or you may be asked to leave.
- 7) It is **illegal** to take or share a **picture of your ballot**.
- 8) Most Importantly: Make your voice heard and **GO VOTE!**

### Wise Words of the Week!

"Join the union, girls, and together, say Equal Pay for Equal Work"

-Susan B. Anthony